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National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

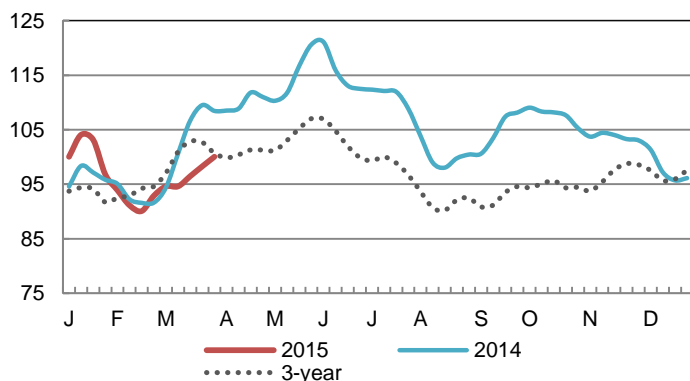
Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm in all areas. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs with smaller sizes well cleared. Retail demand is mixed, mostly moderate. Food service is light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are mostly balanced. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are firm for tenders, b/s breasts, and thigh meat. Wings are steady to firm, and bone-in dark meat cuts are steady to weak. Offerings of tenders, b/s breasts, and thigh meat are clearing well and often at discount prices. Wings are light to moderate, and dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy. Market activity for parts is slow to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate for mostly desirable weights.

National Whole Broiler/Fryer

	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Eastern				
Whole Body:	103.04	5,381	101.31	4,959
WOGS:	103.12	1,360	100.60	1,328
New York				
Whole Body:	99.93	1,407	98.68	1,403
Central				
Whole Body:	95.77	4,765	93.64	4,605
WOGS:	94.51	3,675	92.72	3,715
Chicago				
Whole Body:	96.55	2,780	94.21	2,620
Western				
Whole Body:	101.96	2,184	100.89	2,433
WOGS:	101.10	1,970	100.11	2,219
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	100.63	1,509	99.63	1,728

National Composite Weighted

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	100.04	↑ 1.76	12,330
Last Week:	98.28		11,997
Last Year:	109.50	↓ 9.46	11,322
Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
Feb	92.56		46,786



Georgia Fob Dock or Equivalent Wtd Avg Prices

Monday Final	113.01	
Next Week Trading Quote.....	114.50	
Friday Prelim.....	113.95	
Confirmed Prelim. Wtd Avg price on ice-packed parts:		
Item	Wtd Avg (cents/lb.)	Vol (000 lbs.)
Line Run Tenders	202.50	1,725
Breasts - B/S	198.00	7,333
Breasts - Whole	126.00	870
Thigh Meat - B/S	141.00	2,231
Thighs	76.50	1,094
Drumsticks	63.00	1,398
Leg Quarters	49.00	7,222
Wings	169.50	3,667
Data Source: Georgia Department of Agriculture, Poultry Market News Service		

Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 14-Mar-15

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	156,432	1,486	1,719	3,205	471
Avg Wt	6.02	3.26	8.00	5.80	6.75
Last week	154,196	1,416	1,531	2,947	441
Same wk yr ago	154,473	1,669	1,579	3,248	498
Avg Wt	5.71	3.19	8.12	5.59	6.23
To-date/2015*	1,554,062	15,517	16,199	31,716	4,694
To-date/2014*	1,522,553	15,314	14,630	29,944	4,454
% Change YTD	2%	1%	11%	6%	5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	715,708	2,689	9,420	12,109	2,257
Last week	717,196	2,507	8,421	10,928	2,041
Same wk yr ago	670,347	2,902	8,847	11,749	2,218
To-date/2015*	7,175,063	27,917	89,313	117,230	22,363
To-date/2014*	6,761,830	26,323	81,063	107,386	21,219
% Change YTD	6%	6%	10%	9%	5%
Dressing %	76.0%	55.5%	68.5%	71.0%	

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.3 million head, or 1.1 million less than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection Week Ending 21-Mar-2015

Class	Current Week 3/21/2015 (1)	Previous Week 3/14/2015
Broiler/fryer	164,765 (2)	158,259
Light hens	1,285	1,552
Heavy hens	1,738	1,727
Total	167,788	161,538

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Mar-15 is 159.4 million head compared to 153.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.1 million head or 5.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 28-Mar-15 the estimated available is 158.8 million head.

Southern States Broiler Parts

f.o.b. dock or equivalent, iced-packed, prices shown are day of shipment (includes current and prior negotiations), trucklot and less than trucklot volume, cents per pound.

Item	Weekly	
	lbs. (000)	wtd. avg.
Breast - B/S	1,867	142.55
Tenderloins	641	165.38
Breast - Line Run	460	99.96
Front Halves	580	85.97
Legs	643	34.51
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,142	28.97
Leg Quarters (4/10)	1,115	37.89
Wings (Whole)	837	172.59
Wings (Cut)	753	178.80
Drumsticks	738	30.33
Thighs	496	51.98
B/S Thighs	586	101.73

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
54.00 - 61.50	57.02	57.49

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

Northeast Broiler Parts

Ice packed broiler/fryer parts, delivered to first receivers in pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound

Item	Weekly	
	wtd. avg.	lbs.
Breast - B/S	138.88	5,153,990
Tenderloins	175.36	962,960
Breast - With Ribs	116.77	265,549
Breast - Line Run	102.06	424,811
Legs	45.01	872,070
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	37.45	1,483,882
Drumsticks	46.61	669,279
Thighs	71.87	227,570
B/S Thighs	100.74	538,560
Wings (Whole)	183.32	1,339,120
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	18.00	29,980
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	55.80	63,180
Gizzards (Hearts)	79.70	99,970

Includes New York City Metropolitan Area, Northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, and PA (Northeast Of Harrisburg).

* Weighted average price of all grades and brands of product shipped, or to be shipped as of 1:30 p.m.

Midwest Region Broiler/Fryer Parts

Ice-packed pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound
Delivered to: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, & WI

Week of 16-Mar-15 to 20-Mar-2015

	Price per lb.		Mostly
Breast - B/S	125.00 -	143.00	135.00 - 141.00
Tenderloins	173.00 -	197.00	175.00 - 186.00
Breast - Line Run	89.00 -	112.00	92.00 - 102.00
Legs	40.00 -	50.00	-
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	31.00 -	51.00	34.00 - 38.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	37.00 -	46.00	37.00 - 41.00
Drumsticks	39.00 -	51.00	-
Thighs	45.00 -	67.00	-
B/S Thighs	90.00 -	108.00	-
Wings (Whole)	186.00 -	210.00	191.00 - 199.00
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 -	45.00	-
Livers	35.00 -	65.00	-
Gizzards (Hearts)	40.00 -	71.00	-

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending March 13, 2015

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Rayon						
Low	84.81	150.19	103.07	38.28	20.61	85.40
High	86.87	159.02	114.85	47.12	23.56	85.40
Mostly	86.87	153.13	108.96	41.23	20.61	85.40
San Juan						
Low	83.93	147.24	100.12	35.34	20.61	85.40
High	85.40	159.02	111.90	44.17	23.56	85.40
Mostly	85.40	153.13	106.01	38.28	20.61	85.40
New San Juan						
Low	85.40	150.19	106.01	41.23	23.56	88.35
High	88.05	161.97	117.79	50.06	26.50	88.35
Mostly	86.87	156.08	111.90	44.17	23.56	88.35
Becerra						
Low	86.87	153.13	108.96	44.17	23.56	88.35
High	88.35	164.91	120.74	53.01	26.50	88.35
Mostly	86.87	159.02	114.85	47.12	23.56	88.35

National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(f.o.b. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2- weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to firm on all fat contents. Demand into domestic and export channels is moderate to mostly good on both fresh and frozen MSC with especially good demand from Mexico. Supplies are mostly light to moderate. Schedules are normal. Industry is closely monitoring the spot marketplace for any developments related to the recent highly pathogenic avian influenza confirmations and the associated trade disruptions. Market activity is moderate to active. Raw material supplies are mostly light to moderate. Prices of frames are steady to firm with trading levels between 12-15 cents FOB, mostly 13-14 FOB.

**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices
(cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	20-Mar-15	Last Week	Last Year	20-Mar-15	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	27.00	27.00	28.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	27.00	27.00	28.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	82	184
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	28.00 - 35.00	28.00 - 33.00	27.50-32.00	23.00 - 32.00	23.00 - 28.00	22.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.44	29.57	29.43	25.01	24.83	24.92
Volume Traded	1,463	1,260	1,175	2,734	3,284	2,836
Volume Exported	1,343	1,220	1,095	490	816	204
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	24.00	24.00	22.00-22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	24.00	24.00	22.33
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 14-Mar-15

(Preliminary)	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	42,545	48,748	24,680	40,459	156,432
Avg Live Wgt	3.66	5.26	6.75	8.97	6.02
% of total /1	27%	31%	16%	26%	100%
Last week	39,522	54,218	31,009	29,447	154,196
% of total /1	26%	35%	20%	19%	100%
Year Ago 2/	42,000	60,615	26,690	25,168	154,473
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.37	6.83	8.73	5.71
To date/2015*	387,990	526,883	301,071	338,118	1,554,062
To date/2014*	402,028	540,702	282,137	297,685	1,522,552
% Change YTD	-3%	-3%	7%	14%	2%
Head	42,545	48,748	24,680	40,459	156,432
Avg Live Wgt	3.66	5.26	6.75	8.97	6.02
% of total /1	27%	31%	16%	26%	100%

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding. 2/ Comparable week.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

Est. U.S. Fryer Slaughter/Fryer Availability Comparison

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
2/7	159.1	160.6	99%	6.05
2/14	158.7	161.1	99%	6.03
2/21	149.6	158.4	94%	6.05
2/28	147.5	160.0	92%	6.11
3/7	156.1	160.1	98%	6.12
3/14	158.3	159.4	99%	6.02
Year to date	1572.8	1577.5	100%	
3/21		159.3		
3/28		158.2		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live weight	RTC WOG's weight	Head (000)	% of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs & lighter	Under 2.5 lbs.	9,080	5.80%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	7,105	4.54%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	14,976	9.57%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	11,383	7.28%
Totals:		42,544	27.20%

Estimated Slaughter Of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	3,947	3,822	3,643	3,736	5.79
AR	5,359	4,767	4,587	4,490	6.02
Delmarva	2,207	2,193	2,144	2,205	6.18
KY-LA-TN	2,478	2,513	2,487	2,488	5.27
MS	2,939	2,787	2,721	2,721	6.35
NC	3,434	2,839	2,850	2,791	7.71
TX	2,623	2,408	2,330	2,117	6.19
Total	22,987	21,329	20,768	20,548	6.20
Mon-Fri	108,412	(A)			
Saturday	2,227	(included in total for date shown)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Mar-15 and 21-Mar-15 is estimated to be 34,984,000 head up 6.42 percent from a week ago and up 15.3 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,874,000, last year 30,331,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Mar-15 is estimated to be 162,239,000 head up 3.71 percent from a week ago, and up 6.78 percent from a year ago. (Last week 156,432,000, last year 151,931,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

For delivery the week of March 16, 2015
Ducklings: Prices negotiated by first receivers, U.S. Grade A, 4-5 lbs., delivered in trucklot & pool trucklot quantities, cents/lb.

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Long Island	226-230	231-237
Midwest	197-212	202-218

Roasters: Prices negotiated by first receivers, U.S. Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 lbs. & up, delivered, cents/lb.

	Range	Mostly
Ice Packed (12/Box)	74.00-89.25	80.00-85.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9/Box)	79.00-91.00	82.00-87.00

Squabs: NY area wholesale prices, frozen, Plant Grade, dollars/dozen, 1-10 boxes

11 oz 93.96- 112.59 **13 oz.** 102.87- 129.60 **15 oz.** 111.78- 137.70

Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

Central Region Ducklings

Prices remain steady. Demand is mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$5.98-9.00, bone-in legs at \$3.70-5.10, gizzards at \$2.25- 2.30, wings at \$.80-1.00, livers at \$1.40-1.82, and feet \$1.00-1.50 cents per lb.

Prices negotiated by first receivers for U.S. Grade A delivered in trucklot & pool trucklot quantities, 4-5 lbs., cents/lb.

Week of March 16, 2015

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Midwest & Others	189-221	194-227

National Fowl Market

Live Spent Heavy Fowl		
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	11.0- 23.0	14.52
(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)		
Southeast Region = AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, AND VA.		

Live Spent Light Fowl

Majority price (cents/head) for removal: 0-7

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.) Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

Ready-to-Cook Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers
(cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; U.S. Grade A and Plant Grade)

	Price Range
Hens Ice Packed (12 per Box)	80.0 - 86.0
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	85.0 - 90.0
Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI	

Live Fowl Auctions - 03-17-15

All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry

Hackettstown, NJ	High	Low	Avg
Heavy Fowl each:	2.00	3.75	3.09
per pound:	2.50		

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA

	Price Range	
Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:	.70 - 1.00	per pound
4-5 lbs:	.40 - .80	per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	.80 - 1.20	per pound

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
3/13	2,091	6.05
3/12	2,188	6.06
3/11	2,222	6.14
3/10	2,231	6.23
3/09	2,242	6.33
Weekly	10,974	6.16

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

W/E	03/21/15	03/14/15	% chg	03/22/14	% chg
Cattle	518	524	-01	579 ¹	-10
Hogs	2,237	2,227	0	2,037 ¹	+10

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Week Ending 3/14/2015

	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	19 Selected States		19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Mar 07,	Mar 14,	Mar 07,	Mar 14,
	2015	2015	2015	2015
State	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	29,323	28,928	21,473	21,967
AR.....	21,702	21,865	19,387	19,501
DE.....	4,766	4,829	5,200	4,827
FL.....	1,068	1,192	1,364	1,163
GA.....	32,574	32,469	26,546	26,063
KY.....	7,218	7,796	6,058	6,389
LA.....	3,833	3,817	3,365	3,354
MD.....	7,744	7,751	5,840	6,110
MS.....	17,576	17,914	14,959	14,946
MO.....	7,810	7,904	6,253	5,879
NC.....	20,999	21,466	17,591	16,481
OK.....	6,588	6,348	4,079	4,569
PA.....	4,545	4,415	3,949	4,082
SC.....	5,586	5,592	4,437	5,045
TX.....	15,411	13,745	12,236	12,406
VA.....	6,845	6,615	5,553	5,595
CA, TN, & WV.....	11,874	11,593	11,824	11,288
19 State Total.....	205,462	204,239	170,114	169,665
Percent of Prev. Year	101	101	104	104
Other States	8,005	8,316	6,030	6,065
United States	213,467	212,555	176,144	175,730

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Total Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 14, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 14, 2015, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

United States Total (1,000 eggs)	2015	% PY
Eggs Set	212,555	+01

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Total Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 14, 2015, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 14, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through March 14, 2015 for the United States were 1.75 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

United States Total (1,000 chicks)	2015	% PY
Chicks Placed	175,730	+04

Source: USDA, NASS

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week Ending Mar 07, 2015 (Preliminary)

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,486	1,719	3,205
Last Week	1,416	1,531	2,947
Same week yr ago	1,669	1,579	3,248
To-date/2015*	15,517	16,199	31,716
To-date/2014*	15,314	14,630	29,944

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	345	0	345
Last Week	469	0	469
Same week yr ago	326	0	326
To-date/2015*	3,930	10	3,940
To-date/2014*	3,115	0	3,115

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----	-----	
Head	1,831	1,719	3,550
Last Week	1,885	1,531	3,416
Same week yr ago	1,995	1,579	3,574
To-date/2015*	19,447	16,209	35,656
To-date/2014*	18,429	14,630	33,059

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Processed other Poultry (000) lbs.

<u>Weekly Cold Storage Holdings</u>		Cold Storage Holdings		
		Pacific without Denver		
Selected Centers, incl. Gov't Stocks		03/16/15	03/09/15	03/17/14
AM	03/16/15	42,723		
AM	03/01/15	48,653		
CHG		-5930		
PCT CHG		-12%		
		Pacific Coast:		
		3497	3974	7899
		Los Angeles:		
		757	773	2479

Fresh Beef Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	762.57 839.00	788.27
168 3 Round, top inside round	279.00 297.00	281.75
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	600.00 680.00	621.51
Ground Beef 81%	217.40 270.00	221.09

Fresh Pork Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
Loin - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	106.13
Bnls CC Strap-on	138.84
Butt - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	108.51
Sparerib - Trmd Sparerib - MED	149.27

Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-Apr-15 is estimated at 156.4 million head. This compares to 156.0 million head the previous week and to 154.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.3 million head and the national weighted average price was 106.67 cents per pound.